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PRESIDENT.

GEORGE MORRIS PHILIPS.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

WILLIAM D. HARTMAN, M. D.,
ALFRED SHARPLESS.

DIRECTORS.

GILBERT COPE,
GIBBONS GRAY CORNWELL,
GEORGE MORRIS PHILIPS,
DANIEL W. HOWARD,
JAMES MONAGHAN.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

WILLIAM T. SHARPLESS, M. D.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

GILBERT COPE.

TREASURER.

JAMES C. SELLERS.



CURATORS.

ALICE LEWIS,
WILLIAM T. SHARPLESS, M. D.

COUNCIL.

LINDA M. HOOPES,	ALFRED SHARPLESS,
ALICE LEWIS,	GILBERT COPE,
MARY I. STILLE,	GIBBONS G. CORNWELL,
JOSEPH THOMPSON,	GEORGE M. PHILIPS,
WILLIAM P. SHARPLESS,	DANIEL W. HOWARD,
SAMUEL MARSHALL,	JAMES MONAGHAN,
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CHARTER.

Be it known that the subscribers, having associated themselves together for the purpose in the following articles set forth, and being desirous of becoming incorporated agreeably to the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of certain Corporations," approved the Twenty-ninth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and its supplements, do hereby declare, set forth and certify that the following are the purposes, objects, articles and conditions of their said association, for and upon which they desire to be incorporated.

I. The name of the Corporation shall be THE CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

II. The purpose for which the Corporation is formed is the acquisition and preservation of property and information of historic value or interest to the people of Chester County.

III. The place where the business of the said Corporation is to be transacted is West Chester, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

IV. The Corporation is to exist perpetually.

V. The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows :

NAME.	RESIDENCE.
JOSEPH T. ROTHROCK, . . .	West Chester, Chester Co., Pa.
DANIEL W. HOWARD, . . .	" "
GILBERT COPE, . . .	" "
EDWIN A. BARBER, . . .	" "
GEO. MORRIS PHILIPS, . . .	" "
J. NEWTON HUSTON, . . .	" "
JOSEPH THOMPSON, . . .	" "
JAMES MONAGHAN, . . .	" "
LOWNDES TAYLOR, . . .	" "
SAMUEL MARSHALL, . . .	" "
GIBBONS GRAY CORNWELL, . . .	" "
CHARLES H. PENNYPACKER, . . .	" "

NAME.	RESIDENCE.
J. CARROLL HAYES, . . .	West Chester, Chester Co., Pa.
WILLIAM P. SHARPLESS, . .	" " "
JOSEPH S. WALTON, . . .	Ercildoun, " "
G. WINFIELD MOORE, . . .	" " "
H. H. GILKYSON, . . .	Phoenixville, " "
WILLIAM D. HARTMAN, . .	West Chester, " "
MARY I. STILLE, . . .	" " "
ROBERT T. CORNWELL, . .	" " "
ALICE LEWIS, . . .	" " "
BENJAMIN M. EVERHART, . .	" " "
REBECCA M. HEMPHILL, . .	" " "
ADDISON JONES, . . .	" " "
S. I. KREMER, . . .	" " "
ISAAC MASSEY, . . .	" " "
RICHARD G. PARK, . . .	" " "
JAMES C. SELLERS, . . .	" " "
ALFRED D. SHARPLES, . . .	" " "
S. EMLÉN SHARPLES, . . .	" " "
WILLIAM T. SHARPLESS, . .	" " "
JULIUS F. SACHSE, . . .	Berwyn, " "
PHILIP P. SHARPLES, . . .	West Chester, " "
J. O. K. ROBARTS, . . .	Phoenixville, " "
R. JONES MONAGHAN, . . .	West Chester, " "
EDWARD H. HALL, . . .	" " "
SLATER B. RUSSELL, . . .	" " "
ALFRED SHARPLESS, . . .	" " "
MARTHA S. SHARPLES, . . .	" " "
GEORGE B. MCCORMICK, . .	" " "

VI. The Corporation has no capital stock.

VII. The Corporation is to be managed by a board of directors consisting of five members, and the names and residences of those chosen directors for the first year are,—

WILLIAM D. HARTMAN, . . .	West Chester, Pa.
JOSEPH T. ROTHROCK, . . .	" "
GILBERT COPE, . . .	" "
JAMES MONAGHAN, . . .	" "
GIBBONS GRAY CORNWELL, . .	" "

VIII. The yearly income of the Corporation, other than that derived from real estate, shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

Witness our hands and seals this twenty-seventh day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the Third Thursday of May of each year, at such hour and place as the council may fix.

SEC. 2. Stated meetings of the Society shall be held on the Third Thursdays of May, August, November and February of each year.

SEC. 3. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the president in his discretion ; and shall be called by him upon the written application of five members, who may themselves call a meeting upon the inability or refusal of the president to do so.

SEC. 4. The recording secretary shall give at least five days postal notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society.

SEC. 5. Ten members shall constitute a quorum to do business at any meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Membership of the Society shall be of three classes : Active, honorary and corresponding.

(a) *Active Membership*.—Any person nominated for membership, upon election, as hereinafter specified, and payment of the dues prescribed by these by-laws, shall be duly enrolled an active member of the Society.

(b) *Honorary membership* may be conferred, by election, as hereinafter specified, as a mark of especial appreciation.

(c) *Corresponding membership*.—Any person not residing in the county of Chester, who by reason of his or her aid, services or contributions to the Society, may be elected as hereinafter specified, shall be duly enrolled as a corresponding member of the Society.

SECT. 2. No honorary nor corresponding member shall be liable for the payment of dues, be entitled to hold office, to vote at any meeting of the Society, nor have any interest or ownership in the property thereof, real or personal.

SEC. 3. All elections for membership of the Society shall be by the council; in the case of active members a two-thirds vote, and in the case of honorary and corresponding members an unanimous vote of the members present at a stated meeting of the council, subsequent to that at which the name shall have been presented, shall be necessary for election.

ARTICLE III. DUES.

SECTION 1. Every person subscribing to the certificate of association or elected to be an active member, shall pay an initiation fee of two dollars, and one dollar dues at each annual meeting thereafter; but one payment of fifteen dollars by such person shall be in lieu of said initiation fee and annual dues, and shall make him a life member. The moneys received on account of life memberships shall be kept as a fund and the interest only used.

SEC. 2. Any active member in arrears in the payment of his dues two years may be stricken from the rolls by the council. No member in arrears shall be eligible as a fellow. The name of such person may by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the council present at any meeting thereof, be restored to the rolls.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND COUNCIL.

SECTION 1. At each annual meeting, five directors, six councillors, two vice-presidents, a treasurer and corresponding secretary, all of whom shall constitute the council of the Society, and of whom five shall be a quorum, shall be elected by ballot, to serve until their successors are duly chosen.

SEC. 2. The persons having the highest number of votes for the offices for which they are nominated respectively shall be elected. In case a tie vote shall leave the result of the election as to one or more undetermined, the election officers shall cast lots to determine which of those having such tie votes shall be declared elected.

SEC. 3. The council shall declare vacant the office of any officer who shall cease to be a member of the Society. In such case, or in case of the death or resignation of an officer, or of his appointment to another office, the vacancy shall be filled by the council.

ARTICLE V. DUTIES OF COUNCIL.

SECTION 1. The council shall elect by ballot the president and the recording secretary from the directors, and shall appoint two curators, and all necessary agents and employees. They shall make all contracts and exercise a general supervision and control of the affairs of the Society, except such as are legally vested by the constitution, in the board of directors, to which even in such cases the council shall act in an advisory capacity.

SEC. 2. Stated meetings of the council shall be held on the third Thursday of each month, excepting months in which regular quarterly meetings of the Society occurs, and of the directors at such times as they may determine upon.

SEC. 3. Special meetings of directors or council shall be held on call of the president. He shall be required to issue such call on the written request of three members of either body, who may themselves call such meeting in case of the president's inability or refusal to do so.

SEC. 4. The council shall present to the Society at each annual meeting an accurate statement of its financial condition, and appoint three members, who are not members of the council, to examine said statement and audit the account of the treasurer prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the directors or council and Society, call all special meetings of the Society and board of directors or council, appoint all standing committees, and sign all orders on the treasurer for the payment of money. In the absence of the President from any meeting of the board of directors or council, either may appoint a president pro tem. to act in his stead.

SEC. 2. The older Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the Society in the absence of the president, and in the ab-

sence of said vice-president the other vice-president shall preside.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep clear and accurate records of all proceedings of all meetings of the Society and of the board of directors and council. He shall countersign all orders to the treasurer for the payment of money, and give notice of all meetings. He shall present to the council all nominations for membership, and keep a roll of members.

SEC. 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to all correspondence of the Society, and perform all other duties which appertain to the office of secretary, except as provided for the recording secretary.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and pay out the same only upon orders drawn by the president, countersigned by the recording secretary. He shall give bond in such sum as the board of directors shall require, with sureties to be approved by them, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties. He shall make a clear statement in writing of the financial condition of the Society, to the council, for each annual meeting, and at such other times as the board of council may direct. He shall exhibit his annual statement, together with his accounts, and all books, papers and vouchers relating to the same, to the auditors when required for their examination. He shall turn over to his successor in office all moneys or effects in his hands or control belonging to the Society.

SEC. 6. The Curators shall be the custodians of all the property and possessions of the Society, and provide for the proper care and cataloguing of the same. They shall receive all donations to and purchases by the Society, and make report of the same to the council. They may observe and shall report to the Society or council, the existence of property, relics, papers, collections, &c., that it may be for the interests of the Society to acquire and possess, and look into the practicability of such acquisition or possession.

ARTICLE VII.

All bills or claims against the Society shall, before payment, be presented to and approved by the council and no orders upon the treasurer shall be drawn except by its direction.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Society shall have a corporate seal, the design of which shall be determined by the board of directors.

ARTICLE IX.

The order of business at stated meetings of the Society shall be as follows :

1. Reading of minutes of last previous meeting of the Society.
2. Reports of standing committees.
3. Reports of special committees.
4. Report of directors.
5. Report of council.
6. Report of curators.
7. Deferred business.
8. New business.
9. Elections.
10. Reading of papers.
11. Adjournment.

ARTICLE X.

The foregoing by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any stated meeting of the Society or any special meeting thereof called for the purpose, but a notice stating particularly the nature and character of the proposed amendment shall be posted in the rooms of the Society at least three months prior to said meeting.

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